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Asian soybean rust is a topic of great interest among Iowa soybean growers and agribusiness. The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, the Iowa Soybean Association, and Iowa State University have formed the Iowa Soybean Rust Team and have developed a system in Iowa whereby soybean samples that are suspected of possibly being infected with soybean rust can be examined and passed through a sequence of trained personnel to offer Iowa soybean growers rapid and accurate identification of the disease. Trained agronomists are the best qualified to watch for symptoms and signs of rust on a daily basis throughout the growing season across the millions of acres of soybeans in Iowa. So, the Iowa Soybean Rust Team is recruiting individuals in Iowa to serve as "First Detectors" for soybean rust.

A Soybean Rust First Detector training session is being held on Tuesday, June 20, at the Field Extension Education Laboratory (FEEL), approximately 5 miles west of Ames. At this session, attendees will receive details about the statewide detection system and hear the industry and regulatory perspectives on Asian soybean rust as well as training on identifying soybean rust and distinguishing it from other commonly occurring soybean diseases. Three Certified Crop Adviser Continuing Education Units (CEUs) in the Pest Management category will be earned for participating in the training. Registration is \$20 and can be paid by check or credit card at the door. Preregistration is not required for this program. Check-in on the day of the training begins at 8:30 a.m., and the program runs from 9 a.m. to noon. More information about the training session can be found at the [Agribusiness Education Program Web site](#) [1] or by calling (515) 432-9548.



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